

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR INCOMING CALL REJECTION

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and apparatus for rejecting incoming calls for use in a mobile communications device. The method and apparatus permit a user of a mobile communications device to automatically reject calls intended to be received by the device. In an exemplary embodiment, a rejection memory within the mobile device is preprogrammed with identification information representative of transmitting stations to be rejected. When a call is incoming, identification information included with the incoming call is compared with identification information contained in the rejection memory. When a match is detected, a rejection message is automatically sent by the mobile communications device to the transmitting station. Upon receipt of the rejection message, the transmitting station terminates the call and may reroute the call to a voice messaging system. Additionally, upon display of the identification information of an incoming call, the user may manually trigger the transmission of the rejection message from the mobile communications device.